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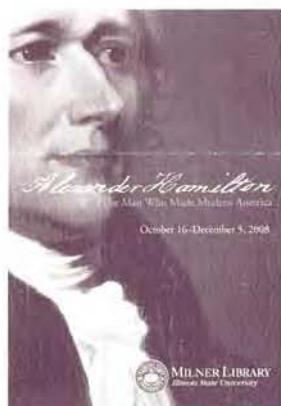
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Illinois State University **Milner** *matters*

Newsletter for library science alums, librarians who are Illinois State graduates, retirees, and the friends of Milner Library

Milner Library to Host "Alexander Hamilton" Traveling Exhibition

His face is on the 10 dollar bill, but most Americans know more about his death in a duel than his remarkable life as one of the most brilliant and influential figures in U.S. history. Alexander Hamilton (1757-1804), the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury at age 32, is the focus of a groundbreaking new traveling exhibition opening at Milner Library on October 16, 2008.



"Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America" tells the story of Hamilton's astonishing rise in five short years from an orphaned, 15-year-old West Indies immigrant to George Washington's war time aide, and later, at age 32, Washington's Secretary of the Treasury. Hamilton was a complex and controversial figure—a Revolutionary War patriot and soldier, financial and legal genius, and an ardent opponent of slavery. He was the chief architect of many of the financial, political, and legal institutions familiar to Americans today.

Hamilton's journalistic campaign, through the Federalist Papers, to convince the American people to ratify the Constitution, equals in importance his creation of the Bank of the United States and the New York Stock Exchange, and his pioneering efforts in the area of constitutional law. The young treasury secretary's economic strategies saved the country from staggering Revolutionary War debts. By the time Hamilton retired in 1795, the United States was fiscally sound and poised to become a major world economic and political leader. In the opinion of many historians, Hamilton made the early republic work and set the agenda for its future.

"Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America" was organized by the New York Historical Society, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and the American Library Association, and has been made possible in part through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. It is based on the New York Historical Society's exhibition commemorating the 200th anniversary of Hamilton's death as well as the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Society in 1804.

"More than any of his peers, Hamilton shaped and prefigured the America we now live in," says Richard Brookhiser, historian and Hamilton biographer. "When you cash a paycheck or vote for President, follow the war against terrorism or criticize the government, read a newspaper or sit next to someone of a different race on the subway, you are doing something that he foresaw and helped to make happen."

The exhibition looks at Hamilton's life and death through the relationships he forged with important people in politics and government, and through his ideas that often clashed with those of other prominent national figures. Hamilton and George Washington agreed on many issues, but

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Hamilton argued with Thomas Jefferson about the character of the young republic. Jefferson favored an agrarian society of small towns, prosperous farms, and state self-government, while Hamilton argued that manufacturing and commerce, a strong central government, and cities populated by people of diverse talents and backgrounds were the future.

"We are delighted to have been selected as a site for this exhibition," said Toni Tucker. "Alexander Hamilton was a fascinating figure in the early history of the United States, but we know too little about his contributions. Looking again at the debate that took place when this country was founded should help 21st century Americans better understand why the government, the courts, our banking system, and our economy are organized the way they are. Hamilton's pivotal role in providing a foundation for the complex society we live in today will be a revelation for many who view this exhibit."

Milner Library is sponsoring free programs and other events for the public in connection with the exhibition. Contact Toni Tucker or Vanette Schwartz for more information, or visit the library's web site at www.Library.ilstu.edu/hamilton.



Dean Cheryl Elzy

Dean's message

Colleagues, friends, and alums

What fun it was to see *The Hollywood Librarian* on the big screen at the Normal Theater this spring! Even more fun was seeing old friends, former students, and acquaintances turn out in such great numbers to celebrate the restarting of Illinois State University's library science program and the second inauguration of the Eunice Speer Scholarship!

We've written to you before about reconfiguring our library science courses into a post-baccalaureate certification program in partnership with College of Education's Department of Curriculum and Instruction two years ago (I predicted the library science program would be back. It just took about 15 years longer than I'd hoped). The new program has six core courses and several electives leading to certification as K-12 school librarians. A huge thanks goes to my associate dean, Dane Ward, for doing all of the conceptualizing, writing, and managing the bureaucratic red tape that goes into the approval process for the program. What an incredible, time-consuming task that was!

Recently, I reworked the Eunice Speer Scholarship foundation fund to return it to its original purpose. Remember the recipients? Donna Smith (1984–1985), Wendy Macklin (1979–1980), Julie Brown (1982–1983), Evelyn Homan (1986–1987), Barbara Hand (1974–1975), Raeann Dossett (1984–1985), and many more wonderful people. When the library science bachelor's program was discontinued back in the early 1980s, Professor Valerie Wilford had the foresight to see that the Speer Fund was conveyed to Milner Library for staff development purposes. Now, the Speer Fund has been reworked to provide scholarships to pay for the equivalent of one course in Illinois State's current program. Applications are available from Dane Ward at dmward@ilstu.edu or call (309) 438-3481. You can also access the application at www.Library.ilstu.edu/page/1201.

Now back to the wonderful event at the Normal Theater! Over 100 people gathered to hear Valerie Wilford reminisce about the original library science program, its professors, its graduates, and its ups and downs. Ann Seidl's much-acclaimed film was great! There were many laughs and great points about the importance of libraries and librarians. Highly-sought-after door prizes were awarded at the end.

A week later, Ann Seidl traveled to Illinois State to present the Bryant Jackson Lectureship, sharing her experiences in making *The Hollywood Librarian*, answering questions, and generally wowing the audience with her stories. Milnerites, alums, and guests enjoyed gathering again to honor Bryant Jackson, honor the donor of the named lecture—Joe Kraus, kick off the library science program, and raise several thousand dollars to support the Speer Scholarship. Thanks to all who contributed!

Inside Milner

Retirements

Sheryl Siebert retired on May 31 after 23 years of service at Illinois State University, the last seventeen years at Milner Library. Sheryl oversaw the film and video collection in the Media Resource Center.

New Employees

Dallas Long has joined the library as the new Head of Access Services. He has a B.A. in Psychology and Politics from Webster University in St. Louis, a M.S. in library and information science, and an Ed.M. in higher education administration from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Jean MacDonald has accepted the position of the literature and languages librarian. She was a faculty member in general reference at Milner Library, leaving in 2003 to move to Colorado. Recently Jean has been a visiting public service librarian at the Ames Library, Illinois Wesleyan University. She has her master's in both library and information science and English literature.

Paul Park is the new web services librarian in the Systems Department. He is an Illinois State University graduate with a B.A. in computer science. He received his M.L.S. from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Chris Underwood has joined the library as the head of systems. He has his masters in information and library science from Rutgers. Mr. Underwood comes to Milner from County College of Morris in Randolph, New Jersey where he has been a systems librarian since 2004.

Accomplishments

Sandra Roe co-authored "Cataloging & Classification Quarterly, 1990-2006" in *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly* Vol. 44, no. 1/2, 2007.

Kay Weir review of "Business Rankings Annul" *Choice* 2008.

Cheryl Elzy co-presented the following: "Campus Piracy—As a Provost, Why Should I Care?" at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities' Winter Provost Meeting, Tempe, Arizona. February 2008.

"Campus Rights vs. Copyright: the Entertainment Industry's Battle with Higher Education" panelist at The Chronicle Technology Forum, Tampa, Florida. February 2008. "Defining the Problems (Panel I) and Search for Solutions (Panel II)" panelist at Copyright Alliance, Copyright and the University: An Academic Symposium, Washington, D.C. December 2007. Co-presented with **Sue Stroyan** "Digital Natives and Intellectual Property" at Texas Library Association Annual Conference, Dallas. April 2008.

Sharon Naylor and **Bruce Stoffel** presented "Chat/IM Reference in Illinois Academic Libraries: What Our Patrons Are Telling Us" at the Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries, spring 2008 conference.

Sarah Williams presented "Putting Student Input to Work: Using Low-Tech Methods to Gather Feedback on a New Technology" and the poster session "Literary Gardens: Cultivation a Partnership between the Library and the Horticulture Center at the U.S. Agricultural Information Network in Wooster, Ohio. April 2008.

Chris Kubiak co-presented the poster session "Violin Parlor Music Pedagogy through Study of the Method Books of Local Professor L.E. Hersey" at the Music Library Association Annual Meeting in Newport. February 2008.

Sean Walton presented "How We Fit Six Floors of Milner Library Into the Palm of Your Hand" at the Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries. Spring 2008 Conference and at the CTLT 8th Annual Symposium on Teaching and Learning. January 2008.

Dane Ward presented the following: "The Center for Information Literacy: An Opportunity for Illinois Librarians" at the Information Literacy Summit at John A. Logan College and Illinois Central College. April 2008. "Leading as Libraries are Changing Conversations about the Future of Academic Libraries," at the Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries spring 2008 Conference.

Richard Satchwell presented "Exploring Digital Primary Sources at the Library of Congress" at the International TechEd Conference. Ontario, California. April 2008. Richard co-presented "Teaching Liberty, Equality, and Justice to All Using Digital primary Sources from the Library of Congress" at the Regional Conference of the National Council for Social Studies. Indianapolis. March 2008 and poster session "The Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources" at the Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education Conference. Las Vegas. March 2008.

Judy Bee and **Joan Brown** presented "Integration Digital Primary Sources into Instruction" and "Load Up on Digital Primary Sources" at the Illinois Technology Conference for Educators. St. Charles. February 2008.

Tidbits

Bryant Jackson Lectureship

Ann Seidl writer/director of the first full-length documentary film about librarians, *The Hollywood Librarian: A Look at Librarians Through Film*, was the 2008 Bryant Jackson Lectureship speaker. Ms. Seidl was the sixth speaker since the lectureship was established in 2003 by Joe Kraus to honor his Associate University Librarian Bryant Jackson. The film was shown at the historic Normal Theater on April 22 with the lecture following on May 1. A podcast of the lecture can be heard at www.Library.ilstu.edu/page/1091.



Ann Seidl, middle center with Milner Library faculty and staff.

Powell Artifacts on Display

Photographic prints and artifacts from John Wesley Powell, 19th century explorer, are on display through December 2008 on all six floors of Milner Library. Powell was the first professor of geography at Illinois State Normal University. He explored the Colorado and Green Rivers and the Grand Canyon in 1871 and 1872. The displays include prints of photos taken by J.K. Hillers, the noted American photographer who accommodated Powell, Native American artifacts, letters, maps and monographs. A self-guided tour map may be picked up at the reference desk on the main floor of the library.

2008 Visiting Author Program

The sixth annual Ames/Milner Visiting Author Program featuring Tim O'Brien will be held on October 23. A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award for his book *The Things They Carried*, O'Brien is known mostly for his books on the Vietnam War. He is a visiting professor and endowed chair at Southwest Texas State University where he teaches in the creative writing program. O'Brien will be speaking at Illinois Wesleyan University at 2 p.m. and at the Illinois State University Campus at 7 p.m. Watch the Milner Library web site for more details.

Friends Support Milner Library

The Friends of Milner Library awarded grants to several Milner faculty and staff this spring. Grant request were submitted in February and reviewed and awarded in March. The following received grant funding:

- Maureen Brunsdale for "Restoring Our Proud Past: A Circus Painting from the Practice Barn"
- Cheryl Elzy for "The Exploration and Preservation of a Troubled History: Child Art in the Early 1900s"
- Kathleen Lonbom for "Imagination at Work & Play: A Collection That Shines! Redesign of the International Collection of Child Art Web Site"
- Ryan Peters for "Digital Signage for the Entrance to Milner Library"
- Toni Tucker for "Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America, Exhibit Support"
- Sean Walton for "iPods for iTour, an interactive Self Guided Tour of Milner"

Collection Highlight

One of the largest collections within Milner Library's Special Collections & Rare Book Room is the *Circus and Allied Arts Collection*. Its focus is circus materials, but it also includes related arts such as carnivals, carousels, Wild West shows, and vaudeville. Begun in 1955 by then-library director Eleanor Welch, the purpose of this collection was to document the important relationship that existed between the twin cities of Bloomington-Normal and circus acts throughout modern history. Bloomington was a popular winter training location for numerous aerialists, was home to "The Flying Fishers" in the 1870s, and produced aerial acts such as the "Flying Wards" and "The Concellos." It can be reasonably argued that the effect these circus performers had on Normal and Illinois State University resulted in the creation of the Gamma Phi Circus, the oldest collegiate circus in the United States.

Instrumental to the growth of this collection has been the acquisition of outstanding private collections of enthusiasts and past performers. Books, periodical holdings, posters, prints, slides, advertising pieces, photographs, films, music scores and recordings, route books, programs, and ledgers provide the foundation of this comprehensive research collection. Taken together, these materials give the researcher, scholar, and/or fan a glimpse into aspects such as the costuming, marketing, and staging a circus required to maintain its livelihood. The tremendous cultural impact circus had the United States is difficult to articulate, but we welcome anyone who would like to try. Call (309) 438-2871 for an appointment.

Alumni Update

Eloise Cline '58 is the 2008 Milner Library Honored Alum who will be honored during homecoming on her 50th class reunion year. In recognizing Eloise's career at Milner, this edition of Alumni Update features Illinois State Library Science Alums working at Milner Library.

Marie (Lewis) Bobrosky '78 has worked at Milner Library beginning as a student assistant in 1975 and then full-time upon graduation in 1978, and is currently still doing so. She began her full-time career at Milner as a library clerk in the Floor 1 Education/Psychology/Teaching Materials Center department. Marie briefly worked in acquisitions for a year before going back to Floor 1 as the LTA for that department. She is currently the LRC Manager on Floor 6. Marie married Vince Bobrosky (class of 1977 at Illinois State) in 1979. She has two children along with two dachshunds and a cat.

Janet (Ryerson) Johnson '74 worked at a local bank right after graduation, then at Normal Public Library and the Olympia High School library. In October 1976 she started at Milner Library in the card production unit (typing pool) of the cataloging department. From June 1977–October 1981 Jan worked as the assistant to the catalog editor, Eleanor Matthews, officially resigning in February 1982 to stay home with her son. Jan returned to Milner in May 1987 and started in processing, part of the cataloging and records maintenance division at the time, then to the Searching & 050 cataloging unit. Currently Jan's a member of the Milner's Systems division which she joined in April 1, 1993. In 2003, Jan received a Distinguished Service Award from Illinois State University. Since 1984 she has been associated with Illinois State Athletics volunteering as a bench official for various sports. This past fall (2007) Jan was honored to be inducted into the Illinois State Athletics Hall of Fame as the Stretch Miller Award Winner.

Alumni news

We welcome updates from alumni for *Milner Matters* publication. Please fill out this form and return it to Illinois State University, Milner Library, Alumni News, Campus Box 8900, Normal, IL 61790-8900, or e-mail to ttucker@IllinoisState.edu.

NAME (MAIDEN NAME IF APPLICABLE)

CLASS YEAR

TELEPHONE

E-MAIL

MAILING ADDRESS

PRESENT OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER

NEWS/COMMENTS

Thank you for sharing your news with other alumni.



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2008 fall events

Please join us for any or all events sponsored by Milner Library. For additional information visit our Web site at www.library.ilstu.edu or contact Toni Tucker at (309) 438-7402 or ttucker@IllinoisState.edu.

September 23

Hot Off the Press: A Conversation with Newly Published Authors featuring Scott Foley, Patti Lacey and Adam Decker
2 p.m., Main Floor, Milner Library

September 30

A Conversation with Marilyn Reynolds during Banned Books Week
2 p.m., Main Floor Milner Library

October 2

Friends of Milner Library Fall Speaker featuring Paul Holsinger
History of Bloomington/Normal
7:00 p.m., Bone Student Center, Founder's Suite

October 15 – December 5

"Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America" traveling exhibit
Main Floor, Milner Library
For additional information go to www.Library.ilstu.edu/hamilton

October 23

Ames/Milner Visiting Author Program
Featuring Tim O'Brien
7 p.m., Bone Student Center, Old Main

October 24

Trivia Night Fundraiser

October 28

Timothy Connors "A Discussion with Alexander Hamilton"
7 p.m., Main Floor, Milner Library

November 1

Annual Friends of Milner Library Book Sale
9 a.m.–5 p.m., Main Floor, Milner Library

November 4

Susan Westbury "Hamilton the Warrior"
7 p.m., Main Floor, Milner Library

November 7

Illinois School Library Media Association Reception
Sheraton Chicago Northwest
Arlington Heights, IL

November 13

Robert C. Bradley "Hamilton's Legacy for Judicial Review"
7 p.m., Main Floor, Milner Library

